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Sierra Club outlines legislative agenda

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The Sierra Club of Hawaii yesterday called on the state Legislature to expand funding for environmental programs, reduce urban growth and protect and ensure access to coastal areas.

The chapter announced its 1999 legislative package and introduced new chapter director Jeffrey Mikulina.

One of the chapter's top priorities will be to repeal a bill signed into law last year that allows for the automatic approval of a land-use request should a government

agency fail to act in a certain time period. Mikulina said the law threatens key environmental controls, and jeopardizes coastal resources, scenic vistas and Native Hawaiian rights.

Mikulina also called for the government to increase spending on protecting natural resources and the environment.

The Sierra Club also unveiled a poster to promote its coastal lands conservation campaign. The campaign will feature presentations on how residents and lawmakers can help preserve coastal areas.